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THE SHAMEFUL RIOT IN SEATTLE AND THE QUESTIONS IT RAISES

It appears that Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, was warned as to the injustice of his rabid utterances against the red flag as a Socialist emblem when he first made his flagphobia tirade before the Y. M. C. A. in Washington. D. C. Mrs. Charles Edward Russell, wife of the well known magazine writer, struck with its intemperance, injustice and the ignorance that it reflected, wrote the secretary a letter of protest and information. In it she said:

I desire to protest against an illustration to "the Red Flag" without a qualifying statement, such as you are quoting as making (in an address before the Young Men's Christian Association).

The red flag is most commonly and familiarly known as the emblem of the Socialist party, not of anarchists. Anarchists are opposed to organization, in numbers they are few and they are little given to public demonstrations. Consequently their use of the red flag may be regarded as negligible.

The Socialist party, however, numbers one million voters in this country and the red flag is their avowed emblem.

It is symbolical of the red blood common in the veins of all mankind and it stands for Fraternity—the Brotherhood of Man.

In the Encyclopedia Britannica in an article on Socialism you will find this statement, "The Ethics of Socialism are closely akin to, if not identical with, the Ethics of Christianity."

Consequently there is a peculiar inappropriateness in denouncing an emblem of Christianity before an organization such as the Young Men's Christian Association.

Whether the mighty Daniels con-

descended to give the letter a second thought may be doubted, although he must have noted its contents. However that may be, the wine of the Seattle banquet to which he first made his flagphobia tirade before the Y. M. C. A. in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Charles Edward Russell, wife of the well known magazine writer, struck with its intemperance, injustice and the ignorance that it reflected, wrote the secretary a letter of protest and information. In it she said:

At about the same time he was speaking some drunken sailors from the gunboats were running amuck on Seattle's streets and chanced upon a street meeting, which seems to have been a sort of

free lance affair, but in the audience of which were a number of Socialists and some so-called Industrial Worker men. The befuddled tars insulted a woman present at the meeting and this was physically resisted by men in the crowd and the tars were put to rout.

Next day when they were nursing their bruises came the papers with the reports of Daniels' incendiary utterances. It was both permission and inspiration to lawlessness. Waiting for darkness again they mustered the rest of the sailor men out for revenge and what fol-

lowed shocked the entire country. Egged on also by the rabid capitalist editorialists of the conscienceless Seattle Times they sought out various Socialist headquarters and sacked and burned without let or hindrance, with the police, who had been angered by the tactics of the crazy I. W. W., making no move to restore the peace. Even the Salvation army, which also uses a red emblem did not escape the brave marines.

The affair has raised a good deal of a commotion in the press of the country, being of a nature not vision of the city charter in the

case of riots. He therefore took possession of the police force, ordered the incendiary Seattle Times to stop publication until order had been restored, closed some of the saloons and cut off street meetings. The mayor's course showed backbone, but think of a rear admiral of the navy helping to invoke a city ordinance to keep his navy and its secretary from further outbreaks against the peace!

Meantime the country is waiting to see President Wilson take the fomenter of riots he picked for his

cabinet across his knee for a good old fashioned spanking.

The red flag, the "age long emblem of labor," will continue to wave, principally because there is no good non-patriotic reason why it should not be waved. Good Americans who belong to the labor legions. Politically it will help to keep the American flag true to the principles that brought it into existence, the principles of freedom for common folk and the abolition of caste in the scheme of political representation. Only crooks and despots need fear it.

BERGER GIVES VIEWS ON FLAGS

SEATTLE, Wash.—"I do not know whether the secretary of the navy made the remarks attributed to him at Seattle or not. He denied it. If he did make them it was a very unwise thing to do."

So said Victor L. Berger, former congressman from Milwaukee, at the Spokane hotel when asked for statement concerning the recent trouble at Seattle when sailors ransacked the headquarters of Socialism, following

Every year the army loses 12 per cent of its men by desertion, and this means that every nine years the whole army runs away.

—Victor L. Berger.

an address by Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy.

Berger was emphatic; he pounded the dresser top frequently as he talked. He has definite ideas about flags and patriotism.

"My idea about patriotism, and the Socialist idea—I believe I have a right to speak for the Socialist party for I am a member of its national executive committee, was one of its founders and am a delegate to the international bureau at Brussels—my idea is that the Socialists are the most patriotic persons on God's green earth. We are the most patriotic for this reason, that we want the greatest good for the greatest mass of the people, and we fight for it every day of our lives.

Flags "Pieces of Cloth." "If that isn't patriotism, what is patriotism?"

"As to flags: flags are simply pieces of cloth of various colors to be purchased all the way from 50 cents to \$50, according to the person's pocketbook. And they are absolutely useless—can't even be used for undershirts—unless they are emblems of something good; for some idea." Berger beat up a soldier on guard line duty, not serious.

A. H. LORD.

A. H. Lord is the Rev. Arthur Howes Lord, new rector of the St. James Episcopal church, Milwaukee, who is chaplain of the Michigan militia and who has written pro-trust articles against the copper mine strikers for the Milwaukee papers. The above "Lead" was sent by him to the Milwaukee Free Press.

it has removed the mental resistance the Socialists used to encounter at every turn and has made the people receptive toward our ideas. But it gets us nowhere unless the Socialists themselves take full advantage of it. Our propaganda should be redoubled and our activities increased many times over if we would measure up to our opportunities. The live Socialist is the one who leaves a trail of Social-Democratic literature everywhere he goes—literature of the right sort to reach the understanding instead of multiplying the prejudices against us. I do not know what you are doing, but if you are not doing this much, you are "asleep at the switch," and are "sojourning" on the job. It used to be hard work. Today it is easy. Don't you get "easy," too?

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a highly amusing account of a Militia of Christ meeting, held right at the headquarters of the organization in Milwaukee with the Rev. Father Dietz, its founder, in attendance. Dietz' main plaint was that the naughty Socialists attacked religion. This is a stock cry but it comes in queer grace from just those who, without provocation and in the name of religion, attack the Socialists. The Socialists have taken the stand that religion is a matter of private conscience, thereby declaring against persecution for opinion's sake and in favor of the absolute right of conscience—but no, say the church worthies, religion is a public matter and means to get possession of everything. But if one religion gets possession of everything it will naturally have to keep down all other religions and deny the right of freedom of thought, etc., bringing about just the adulterous relations between church and state that has made religion an object of barbed by the peoples of European countries.

"Socialism is writ large in letters of fire over earth and sky. It would be as easy to turn the planets backward in their course as to stay this mighty movement and prevent its final consummation."—The Rev. G. Hamilton.



MILWAUKEE MEETS MILITIA OF CHRIST AT CLOSE RANGE

From many of the pulpits of the Milwaukee Catholic churches August 3 an invitation was extended to all Catholic workingmen to attend a meeting of the Militia of Christ to be held at the Bishop's chapel, corner 20th and Wells streets on Tuesday evening.

When the meeting was called to order the Rev. Peter F. Dietz, the guiding spirit of the Militia of Christ, and a bitter opponent of Socialism, and especially of its activities in the labor unions explained the aims, objects and reason for the organization known as the Militia of Christ.

There were 45 people present, less than 12 of whom appeared to be members as indicated when ballots were distributed for the election of a new secretary. The members were requested to stand, to indicate who were entitled to ballots.

The Reverend Dietz in his discourse explaining the reasons for the Militia of Christ made it quite plain that one of the main objects of the organization was to counteract the influence and growing power of the Socialists in the trade unions and the American Federation of Labor, but denied that the Militia of Christ existed to fight Socialism "except as the Socialists sought to use the labor movement to the injury of the Catholic church."

In explaining the nature of the organization of the Militia of

Christ, the Reverend Dietz declared that it was an absolutely non-secret organization and that strangers were always welcome.

"Many Socialists do not know what Socialism is," he said. "They confuse it with social reform. We stand for many of the things that the Socialists want. But Socialism attacks our religion and tries to use the labor movement for its purposes.

Admit Unity is Necessary.

"The Socialists in Milwaukee have gained control of the unions and vote money for Leader bonds and Socialist legislators, and refuse to send delegates to the national convention of the American Federation of Labor. We do not want to organize to put Catholics in office in the unions, but to

Denmark was so staggering at the recent elections that the government is falling all over itself in promising to grant universal suffrage, the king having called a hurried session of parliament for that purpose. The voice of the people has a big reach if they can only be got to see the value of it and use it. In this country the fool people are still in the majority and the capitalists have things "right in their mitt," in consequence.

Says the Common Cause, "Bebel (in Germany) was not driven into Socialism; he chose it freely because he thought it would be the means of furthering his political ambitions." But Bebel's whole life of sacrifice and toil gives the lie to such a coarse claim. In fact the Common Cause itself admits by becoming a pioneer for Socialism Bebel allowed his ideals to injure his material interests, much to the chagrin of the news fakers.

The Social-Democratic vote in

Catholic union men fail to get elected to the union offices. But it is a claim that lacks substantiation. Many Milwaukee union men are Catholics as well as Socialists. Moreover, so far as our party goes, there were Catholics among the first Socialists elected to the Milwaukee city board of aldermen, also in the elections to the state legislature and the county board.

Clearly the Militia is having hard sledding, for there is evidence of lack of interest in it on the part of the priesthood, although the meeting was held in the private chapel of Archbishop Messmer just back of his palatial residence on Grand avenue.

As to where the archbishop stands, the following quoted from him in 1903, may let in a little light: "The day is fast coming when the question whether they (Catholic workingmen) may consistently join labor unions will have to be answered in the negative." So said the archbishop.

Parenthetically it may be mentioned that the Militia nationally is represented on the public platform by one Peter Collins. Collins is one of the editors of The Common Cause, the men connected with which have been brought into public notice by the Mullhall revelations.

make the influence of the Catholic church felt in the labor movement on matters that touch our religion."

"The Militia of Christ recognizes that Labor must fight its own battles, and cannot be assisted materially to a higher plane of life by any outside assistance no matter how well meant."

Discussing the economic situation of the female workers in the factories and department stores, that a committee had reported on, the reverend said: "The girls must organize in the unions and fight

for themselves. Nobody else can do much for them."

"The Socialists of Milwaukee have gained control of most of the local unions and the city and state central bodies and vote money for stocks and bonds for the Milwaukee Leader and to defray the expenses of Socialist assemblies in the state legislature and refuse to send delegates to the national convention of the American Federation of Labor. We have not organized the Militia of Christ to put Catholics in office in the

going to them and not to a small class of task masters. Order a bundle today.

The national headquarters of the party now publishes a weekly paper in competition with the various regular weekly party papers. As these latter papers are dying off like flies, due to having been started in too great profusion, the national office paper will help on the funerals and can print from week to week the record of rivals put under the sod. The paper, The Party Builder, has started out in good competitive style, by the way, by calling for subscription hustlers, and will doubtless soon have its special "army" on the "firing line" in regulation style.

Well well! Here is news! The big Belgian strike was not won after all. A Catholic publication says so, and of course a religious paper would not stoop to false wit-

unions but to make the influence of the Catholic church felt in the church on matters which touch the Catholic religion.

At the close the Reverend Dietz's explanation of the objects of the organization a general discussion on the desirability and feasibility of the plans outlined to help the unions and benefit Catholic workingmen and women followed.

The central card to the possible objections to the movement of the Catholic workingmen participating in general union affairs as Catholics was sounded by John P. Keating a practical and influential Catholic and union man. Mr. Keating is president of Typographical union number 23, one of the Milwaukee unions which he claimed the Socialists did not control.

While expressing sympathy with the general purpose of the organization as outlined he feared that any action of this kind would defeat the very object it sought to achieve. Mr. Keating pointed out that once it became evident that catholic men were attempting to act in unison because they were Catholics it would be more than likely to drive the non-Socialists who were not Catholics over to the Socialists and then it would be worse for Catholic members of the unions than it is now when the most of the devision is along Socialist and non-Socialist lines, regardless of any differences of religious or non-religious feelings and beliefs of the individual union

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ness. Oh, dear no. So just now when the workingmen of Belgium are enjoying the fruits of their great victory and the papers and journals of the world have been commenting on the great achievement, comes the word that it was a defeat. This ought to be good news to the Belgian government. Being on the ground it could not see what was happening there. But a paper in another part of the world knows all about it!

Within a space of a mere dozen years in this country there has been a steady move toward radical thought such as the Socialists hardly dared to hope for, and which has in reality been capitalism's answer to the "menace of Socialism." It has been an effort to give the people radicalism generally in order to keep them from teeming over into the Socialist ranks. Socialism has compelled it. Rightly viewed this has been a tremendous gain for Socialism, for

In Eureka, Cal., the Socialists elected five trustees in last week's election! Eureka!

After organizing an attack by members of his church on Socialism, the Rev. Father Dietz sets up the cry that the Socialists are attacking the church.

The Socialist vote in 1911 in all the provinces of Canada was 7,210. At the last elections, in only part of the provinces, a total vote of 15,565 was run up.

Prof. Albion Small, of the Chicago university, does not pay the intelligence of the common people a very high compliment when he says that Rockefeller and other inordinately rich men are likely to recognize the "fallacy of modern capitalism" sooner than many poorer men. It is time for some people to wake up and show they have brains.

Dayton, O., is trying to crowd through a rich man's charter—that is, one with as little democracy in it as possible, with the city run by a few men. The Socialists are leading the fight against it, but the pluto politicians figure on the traditional stupidity of the other portions of the working class to help them put the rotten thing through, and they are quite likely to succeed.

Now comes word that a member of the Chinese Socialist party has discovered a hitherto unknown island, comprising several hundred square miles, in the Eastern seas. He claims to have found hogs there as big as cows. Maybe they are capitalists. Well, this Socialist island will do as a starter, but we are after the whole world as our island and there are bigger hogs to combat than that new island can show.

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TIME FOR AMERICANS TO RECOVER SANITY ON FLAG FLAPDOODLE

One of the most striking features of history is its obscuration of the real causes of wars and revolutions and political changes in a mass of irrelevant or collateral issues. It is this fact that has made it so difficult for the superficial student of history to grasp the significance of the Marxian theory of historical interpretation.

In our own history we find that the apparent causes were no causes at all, or, at best, incidental to the underlying cause. The moving cause of the war of the rebellion was slavery, but the great armies of the north were raised to preserve the union. Even those who were the supporters of the institution of negro slavery, who in 1860 constituted a majority of the north's electors, were forced to contribute to its overthrow. They fought over secession, but the real issue was slavery.

In our municipal campaign there were issues relating to paving and garbage disposal and child welfare and street railway service and taxes and efficiency and economy, but the underlying issue was the Socialist challenge to capitalism. No Socialist administration can give a good enough administration to reconcile the capitalist to the idea that he should not be permitted to exploit the worker. So immediately the Socialists come into power through a division of the capitalist political strength, no stone is left unturned to excite opposition to them and to unite the Republican and Democratic voters in a fusion or "non-partisan" movement. Cries of all kinds are raised—extravagance, high taxes, blunders and the flag—but the real reason is that the capitalist desires to retain his political power and through it his opportunities to profit from the existing system of wealth production.

The capitalist becomes very "patriotic" when he is confronted with "the menace of Socialism." He manifests a profound reverence for the flag. Patriotic songs move him to the depths of his soul. And he is quite sure that the Socialist, who recognizes in the red flag, the worldwide emblem of labor, hates the flag of our common country and de-

sires to trample it under foot and exalt in its place the international sign of the working class.

The flag is the emblem of the nation. It is the sign of the American republic. Why should the capitalist claim it as his very own? If we shall concede that it is his flag, then there is no reason that anyone should give it reverence save its owner. But it is not his flag. It is the flag of the nation. It is the same flag when it flies over the Milwaukee city hall with a working class administration in possession of the powers of municipal government, as it is when it flies over the Merchants and Manufacturers' association. It is inanimate. Yet it represents an idea. It represents the idea of democracy—an idea imperfectly expressed and an ideal yet to be attained—the idea of government by the people in place of government by "divine right."

The American flag was born of revolution. This is a fact that our capitalists desire to obscure and which a few of our Socialists have lacked the wit to appreciate. There can be nothing more fantastic than for a Socialist to sing the *Marseillaise* because it is "revolutionary" and yet find in the stars and stripes nothing to stir his imagination.

There has been no end of flag flapdoodle by Socialists as well as by the "patriots" who wave the American flag as a defiance to "the revolutionists" in blissful ignorance of the fact that it had its inception in the great upheaval that revolutionized Europe and gave to feudalism its death-blow. The stars and stripes were baptized in revolution.

We can not conceive of a greater folly than this perennial flag flapdoodle. The Socialist who wants to fight over the red flag and show that no pent-up Urtica confines his ideal of a federation of mankind and a parliament of the world, is quite as ridiculous as the parochial patriot who is willing to fight the issue of whether Fond du Lac is a better town than Oshkosh, with the pennants of the two communities serving as the flags of their respective causes. Mr. Berger, who is lecturing on the Pacific coast, where the flag wavers have been

having it out, has been talking common sense—something exceedingly rare when the flag issue is raised—for the benefit of all hands. For the benefit of the star-spangled banner patriots he said:

I can see the time coming soon when our people, who are still very young, although some wear gray beards, will emancipate themselves from the flag fetish. This holds good for all flags. The people will rather discuss ideas and problems and work for their own solution than fight about flags and their color. Until that time comes let's use a little common sense and tolerance. Give any citizen a right, if he so chooses, to trot the streets behind the star-spangled banner or the green flag of Ireland with the harp, or the flag of the Salvation Army or the yellow flag of the pope, or the red flag of international socialism. As far as I am concerned, for all these flags I shall choose two, because they fit so nicely to each other—the red flag and the star-spangled banner.

As for the red flag, it is to me the emblem of international brotherhood of man. It is not antagonistic, and it is exceedingly foolish to make out an antagonism between the two flags. A man wears a shirt and also a coat. A shirt is nearer the body than the coat. Are the two antagonistic? There is the national flag and the international flag. They are not any more antagonistic than the shirt and the coat. The international flag stands for the brotherhood of man and the national flag for our national ideas.

Then addressing himself to the red flag worshippers whose vision is so narrow that they can see in the flag of our common country only the visible sign of oppressive power, he said:

As to the flag. There are simply pieces of cloth unless they stand for some idea. This holds good for the star-spangled banner and the red flag. The star-spangled banner ought to stand for politics, for the liberty of the people—or it is a rag! The red flag ought to stand for the universal brotherhood of man or it isn't as good as an antiseptic flag. To my mind the star-spangled banner stands for political freedom and for the first experiment of a democratic republic on a large scale and therefore I honor and love the star-spangled banner. I'll stand by it no matter how it may be abused by capitalists, Mormons, trusts, grafters and professional man killers. Why should the two clash? It is ridiculous. The trouble in this—adherents of the international flag are often as foolish and fanatical as the worshippers of the national flag.

We have little expectation that the flag issue will be abated because Mr. Berger has spoken so sensibly to the people of Spokane and Seattle. Fighting over the flag serves to obscure the real issue—the exploitation of labor—and, by raising the false issue of love of country, which is, in fact, shared by all, separate the workers over irrelevant issues. It is the old game of divide and conquer.—The Milwaukee Leader.

hope of better conditions, is shown in the fact that the few men herded together in what the mine owners call "the back-to-work movement," pleaded that the one-man drill be abolished as one concession to continued slavery.

What was supposed to be a committee representing these men sent this demand upon Jimphy McNaughton, vice-president and general manager of the Calumet & Hecla Mining company, which is leading the war on the miners.

"If one of you fellows can't operate one of those drills alone why don't you take your wives down in the mines to help you," was the reply tendered by "Copper King" McNaughton.

Turns Back Upon Men.

Then he turned his back upon them and left the committee to return to the handful of sheep with the message of the man who thinks he rules the copper range. It did not take long for this story to reach strike headquarters. It is unnecessary to state that the "back-to-work" movement has crumpled of its own weight.

The "one-man drill" is to the copper strikers of northern Michigan what the "four-loom shift" was to the silk strikers of Patterson, N. J. It is a scheme on the part of the exploiters to intensify the exploitation of the miners in order that more profits may result.

The drill that separates the ore from the bowels of the earth, when guided by an intelligent human hand, weighs about 150 pounds. It is very cumbersome to handle and it takes a strong man to move it about. I was told by mine's themselves that miners become physical wrecks after four or five years.

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The SLUM.

Know you the home of the slum—Dark threshold and grimy-covered stair, Bare smoky wall, casting its gloom Through the chill of the close pressed air?

Babes groping, with sad eyes, unheeded; For the dark path past, past, past, Where the hard hand of want is ever dreaded; And the only full cup is of woe.

Work mother at evening is grieved With clam—“for bread by her young, vain struggle, where sunless and cold, To send them forth healthy and strong.

Hire-distracted father waits dumb From fruitless work-seeking footsore, Victim of more evil than rum That draws bark or walt at the door.

Hire life is but drudging mud equator In poverty's long lasting hold, And sleep only deepens the pallor On faces in misery old.

What wonder if hearts fill with hate, “Gone is the wealth of the lords of the earth, Scorn mankind and burden the state When robbed of their rights from their birth.” —Margaret Noble Lee.

TENTH ANNUAL SOCIALIST ENCAMPMENT AT GRAND SALINE, TEXAS.

In speaking of the Tenth annual Socialist Encampment which takes place at Grand Saline, Texas, August 18 to 23, in Progress park, Richley Alexander, secretary of the gathering, says:

Low excursion rates have been secured from practically all points in North, East and Central Texas. Reduced rates of one and one-half dollars are in force for this great gathering. Ask your station agent about it.

There will be speaking three times daily under the large waterproof tabernacle, rain or shine. Every one of these lectures will be made by men who have few equals and no superiors on the labor platform.

Some of the speakers who will possibly be present to deliver one or more addresses are: Col. Dick Maple, John A. Currie, Rev. W. T. Woodrow of Oklahoma, H. D. Parkhurst of Texas, Rev. M. A. Smith, D. B. Carter, J. C. Thompson, Geo. C. Edwards, Hon. Lee L. Rhodes, Tom Cross, J. C. Rhodes, Rev. L. D. Richardson, P. G. Zimmerman, J. L. Scoggin, Richay Alexander and many others.

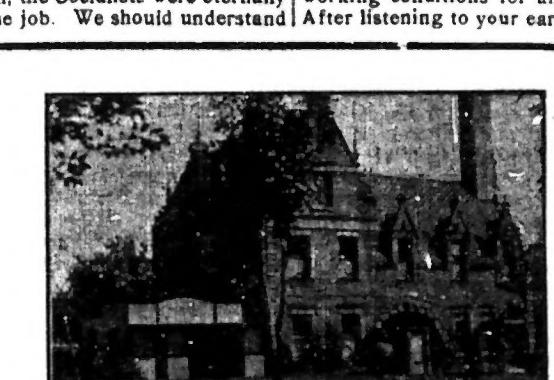
Extensive improvements have been made upon the camp ground at Progress park for the comfort and convenience of the vast throngs expected. There are 22 acres of free camp ground in the park; wood, water and camp room are free for everybody and there is no admission fee of any kind.

Plenty of pure water will be supplied by the Municipal water works.

Every possible effort is being made to provide more and greater entertainment than ever before assembled for any previous occasion. An interesting and entertaining program has been arranged for each day and night and there will be something happening every second to interest the happy crowds. Baseball games and other athletic events will be provided for the entertainment of those interested in such sports.

Raised the Assessment.

A NAACONDA, Montana. — The Socialist assessor in this city raised the assessment of the Anaconda Copper company from \$6,000,000 to \$11,000,000, and doubled the assessment of the railroads. More taxes will be raised in Anaconda this year on a 10-mill levy than were raised last year on a 30-mill levy than



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many of the Italians trying to organize their people for Socialism.

Socialism Is There, Too.

Wherever such a class conscious labor organization as the Western Federation of Miners manages to get a foothold, the Socialist movement also takes root and grows. This is shown to be the case in Montana, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada and Alaska.

The copper country includes the three northern counties of Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon. The Michigan iron country includes the five southern counties of the peninsula of Marquette, Iron, Dickinson, Menominee and Gogebic. These are included in the Michigan Twelfth congressional district.

The mining districts that are found to exist in the copper country are also true of the iron country. The copper country is owned by the Calumet and Hecla Mining company, the Copper Range Consolidated Mining company, the Quincy Mining company, and two smaller concerns, the Mohawk and Wolverine Mining companies. These are for the most part controlled by Boston capital and they have all decided to stand together against the miners in the present struggle. It is said that these copper companies are not related to the "Amalgamated" of Sault Ste. Marie.

Ministers Tote Guns.

In Calumet there are four Catholic churches, English, French, Italian and Croatian. One of the interesting spectacles of the struggle here is that of the various militia chaplains, among them the Rev. Arthur Lord, Milwaukee, who spoke in local churches last Sunday, carrying huge revolvers in their belts on week days. These ministers have become the bulwark of reaction among the miners in the past, although they have come to the front nobly in the present struggle. They are for the most part Baptists and Methodists. They have been absolutely indifferent to Socialism.

In this desert of reaction the Pineland Socialists have practically stood alone. They have seen a few English Socialist branches spring into life and then die as suddenly. They have seen

shops, factories and mills and other forms and places of employment to secure these things under the same fierce competition for jobs regardless of our religious views or church affiliations.

We Socialist workers realize that we cannot shorten our hours, increase our wages or improve our general living and working conditions except through the united efforts of other workers no matter how much they differ with our religious views.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 8.—The council having rejected

SOCIALISM AT LEGISLATURE

It is the increasing power of the Socialists in the state legislature that is helping Wisconsin in the front rank of the nation's progressive work. In so far as advanced legislation is concerned.

This is admitted by those who either fought both Socialist and labor legislation during the session now closing or were compelled to support it in order to avoid defeat at the next election.

"When the Socialists parted with the other members of the state legislature at the close of the present session the remark was made by many of the assemblymen of the other political parties that the larger group of Socialists in the next legislature will help more than anything else to keep Wisconsin in the lead in the progressive state," declared Carl Minkley, Socialist member of the assembly, who has returned to Milwaukee with the close of the session.

Influenced Legislation.

"It is generally admitted that the Socialist group in the state legislature influenced legislation to a very great extent."

"Even the capitalist press gave the Socialists credit for sincerity and honesty in their endeavors to secure legislation for the people."

"Many times the Socialists were lauded in the capitalist papers and quite often the power of the majority party was shattered by speeches made by the Socialist representatives. This can especially be said with regard to labor measures."

"The Socialists would appear before all the legislative committees to fight for all important measures whether they had introduced them or not."

"If those bills were of such a nature that they would improve the conditions of the masses the Socialists fought for them. Very often the chairman of the different committees would send for the Socialist members in order to get their views on the subjects being considered. It was general conceded on all sides that the Socialist legislative group is a very valuable factor in securing progressive legislation in this state."

Largest in History.

"The state legislative session of 1913 has been the longest in the history of Wisconsin. It lasted for 200 days for which the men were paid \$500. In spite of this fact the Socialists were on the job all of the time."

"This long session was due to the fact that after the Progressives were thrown fighting the Stalwarts in the state, the fight among themselves was just beginning."

"Then pulling for the next governor and the next United States senator made it necessary for the politicians to extend the session."

"The legislation was influenced by the factional squabble between the La Follette forces and the McGovern followers. The Democrats and the Stalwarts were to be used against the La Follette men."

"In a few instances the Bull Moosers were successful but in general the majorities were formed from all parties. The La Follette men and the Bull Moosers would vote with the Bull Moosers and the Democrat with the La Follette man. And quite often the influence of the Socialists would carry or defeat a bill as the case might be."

"Party lines were practically wiped out most of the time thus passage of a bill depended on the effect that it would have on the economic interests of the different members."

Upper House Backward.

"Many times the representatives from cities would vote for measures intended to better the conditions in rural districts against the will of the remaining members of the chamber."

"The upper house was used by the capitalist to defeat labor legislation. This house is composed of lawyers and men who are directly or indirectly connected with the manufacturing interests."

"The working class had only one

representative in the senate. This was insufficient to influence legislation to any appreciable extent."

"The prejudice against the Socialist party no longer exists. The killing of labor bills in the upper house is entirely due to the material interests of the members of this body."

"The lower house is composed of diff. men, small business men, and the Socialist group of working men. Therefore in its general scope it is more democratically inclined."

"The regulation policy of this state is developing quite rapidly. The appropriations for this purpose are increasing. The majority of the members failed to see the benefit to the people from this expensive regulation. In a short period of time the proponent of this state will be compelled to advocate even more radical measures."

"The tendency toward state capitalism is gaining support. This was demonstrated during the debate on the water power bill when members of all parties made the remark that after all the Socialist proposition of state ownership rather than regulation is the only solution."

"The constitution of the state was changed to enable the state to acquire industries."

All of the Socialist legislators are very well satisfied with the results of the present session.

THE SEATTLE RIOT.

Rioting is inexorable, no matter by whom it is carried on; but when it is conducted by men in the employ of the federal government, and incited by the words of a national cabinet officer, it becomes a very serious matter, indeed.

So far as the news reports show the anti-Socialist demonstration at Seattle Friday night was without any decent excuse. The mayor had accorded to the Socialists the right, which has been held of some value by the Socialists in this country, of meeting on all sides that the Socialist legislative group is a very valuable factor in securing progressive legislation in this state.

Whereas: The civil government of the county of Cook, state of Oregon has been ignored and certain citizens have constituted themselves a vigilance committee and taken the law in their own hands forcibly deporting Dr. B. K. Leach, Bandon, Ore., and other law-abiding citizens of Marshfield, Ore., without due process of law and

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Whereas: Peace and safety of all citizens is menaced by the existence of this state of affairs, and

Whereas: The officials of the cities of Bandon and Marshfield and the sheriff of Cook county have failed and refused to enforce the laws against mob law.

Therefore: We, the Socialist party of Coos county, Oregon, in convention assembled petition your honor to exercise your authority and proceed to re-establish constitutional government and remove from office those who have violated your oath of office in refusing to enforce the law, and we hereby pledge you are unqualified support in bringing about this end.

We further believe that not only the individual rights of citizenship have been violated but the rights of free speech, free press have been trampled under foot and the dignity of the American flag has been insulted by being carried at the head of a lawless mob. To the end of the establishment of the above named principles we petition your honor.

Oregon Socialists Protest.

COQUILLE, Oregon.—The Socialists at their convention in this city addressed the following resolutions to Governor Oswald West, protesting against outrages recently committed by so-called "vigilantes":

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Jewish Socialist Meet.

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut.—The national convention of the Jewish Socialist federation of America will be held here on Oct. 8 and 9. Delegates will be in attendance from 20 states. Among some of the questions that will be taken up will be the matter of an official Socialist party paper in the Jewish language, the publication of Socialist books, a lecture lyceum, permanent organizer and other matters of vital importance to the Jewish workers in this country. The national translator-secretary of this federation is Jacob B. Selustky, 111 North Market street, Chicago.

Indiana Active.

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana.—Henry, state secretary of the Socialist party of Indiana reports four speakers now touring that state, and that Socialists are securing places on Cheutauqua in various cities. In Indianapolis the Socialists will hold a five day chautauqua, beginning Aug. 13, one of the features of which will be a debate between Joseph Zimmerman and William Henry.

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HAMILTON, Ohio.—The Socialist members of the city council have succeeded in reducing the rates

for electric light and power. Under the old ordinance the people paid as high as 12 cents per kilowatt while various business concerns paid as low as 2 1/2 cents. Under the new rate everyone will pay a flat rate of 3 cents. With more careful management it is believed this rate may be still further reduced. The Socialists went to the people with their agitation and in the end forced the old party aldermen to meet with them, and thus pass the ordinance by a unanimous vote.

Pennsylvania.

Arrangements are going ahead on the big two-state picnic to be held in Point Marion, Sept. 14. The picnic will be held on the border of Southwestern Pennsylvania and West Virginia and all cities point to the fact that it will be a great social and patriotic gathering. Efforts are being made by the railway companies to run excursions to Point Marion and speakers from all over the country are invited. One of the speakers featured is John W. Brown, of Lockington, W. Va.

The annual picnic day, Local Lockawanna County has arranged for a picnic at Luna Park, Scranton, on Saturday, Aug. 23. Comradie Jack H. Mauer will be the speaker and Polish and German speakers will also be arranged for.

Things are beginning to look better throughout the whole state and we have no doubt that the miners will be along along at a record-breaking pace. Every comrade should do his part in the way of organizing, speaking, for Socialist papers, doing一切能做的事, and doing everything possible to help the cause of Socialism.

Malkiel are as follows:

Aug. 18, 19, Allentown; 19, 20, 21, Harrisburg; 21, Lancaster; 22, Philadelphia; 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Altoona.

The Socialists of Shamokin have an all-day outing and picnic at Edgewood park, Shamokin, on Saturday, Aug. 23. Theresa F. Valkiel of New York, will speak there. Will also have all kinds of races and various sports. Lehr organization has been invited to speak.

Aug. 24, Meyersdale; 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Williamsport; 29, 30, 31, Lebanon; 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 70

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After years of desperate struggle, in which suspension was repeatedly threatened and its life saved at one time only by a contribution from the German Social-Demo. Ass'y, the Socialist daily *L'Humanité*, Paris, it now in a most flourishing condition. On Jan. 16 it increased in size from four to six pages and since that time the street sales have increased from 25,753 to 48,103, and the subscriptions from 22,190 to 30,707. Those printed for free distribution and on special occasions, not counted in the above compilation, give total daily average issue of 125,000, while the paper is now, for the first time in its existence, in good financial condition, and promises to make another increase in size in the near future.

A MSTERDAM. Holland.—The first Socialist has entered the senate of Holland. Along with the great gains made by the Socialists in the recent election for members of the lower house of parliament and in the popular vote, they had enough electors, with slight Liberal support, in the vicinity of Flushing to capture the senatorial seat. **Henri Van Kot**, one of the Dutch Socialist leaders, was chosen as senator, unknown to himself, as he was on the high seas returning from a month's visit to India, where he had gone to study the economic conditions of the people.

B R U S S E L S. Belgium.—Educational questions will shortly be threshed out in the Belgian chamber of deputies. The bill providing for state aid to the Catholic schools, as well as for aid to the public schools, is to be discussed. Last year attempts of the Clerical party to force through aid to their schools caused an uproar in the chamber, and the fight lasted several days. Socialist members will oppose giving money to the secula-

schools.

B E R L I N.—How a boy was sent to a penitentiary for minor crimes for no other reason than that he was a Socialist, is told in Vorwaerts. The boy was charged with having broken windows and willfully destroying cabbages. However, fellow workers of the boy gave evidence which exonerated him from the charges. Thereupon, the judge found him guilty because he was a Socialist.

"He is reported to have spoken a great deal to his fellow workmen about Social-Democracy and to have declared that he was going to join the Social-Democratic Juvenile union," said the judge.

Upon learning of the unjust im-

prisonment of his son, the father ended his life, despairing of obtaining justice.

Berger on the Flag.

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national. I'll even say that the Socialist movement is intensely national.

Socialists Are Patriotic.

"If this country should ever be attacked by a foreign enemy the Socialists would be found in the very front ranks, defending their homes and their families.

The trouble about patriotism is that a great portion of the people have no real share in the country. Therefore it is hard to be patriotic.

"Yet in spite of this all the wars have been fought by the working class. They are even so foolish as to go into war in which they are not interested at all."

"We Socialists want to restore the country to the people, and where that is done we will surprise you to find how terribly patriotic the people will be, and how the star spangled banner will wave over the homes of the brave and the free."

"As to the red flag; it is not national; it is international. Nor is the red flag anti-national, and it is exceedingly foolish to try to make out an antagonism between the two flags."

"A man wears a shirt, and he also wears a coat. The shirt is nearer to the body than the coat. Are the two antagonistic for that reason? There are national flags and international flags. They are no more antagonistic

than the coat and the shirt. The international flag stands for the international brotherhood of man and the national flag for national ideas. It is ridiculous that the two should clash."

"The only trouble is this—and I admit it—the adherents of the international flag often are as foolish and fanatical as the worshippers of the national flag."

Ignorant Attack Red Flag.

"You readily see that the attacks on the red flag are simply outbreaks of ignorance and prejudice, especially when such ignorance is fostered by certain elements in our population."

"For instance, the worshippers of the yellow flag, that of the pope, would not attack it when carried by the Knights of Columbus."

"I for my part, prefer the red flag to the yellow flag, yet I will grant the Knights of Columbus their right to carry their flag, which, I think, is also an international flag."

"I don't know whether Mr. Daniels made the remarks attributed to him at Seattle or not. He denies it. If he made them, it was a very untrue thing to do, especially in view of the continued agitation of Mr. Blethen against the red flag."

Use Common Sense.

"Suppose a big paper in some city should continually agitate against the yellow flag of the Knights of Columbus, and there was some great public gathering there. Suppose some high public official should go there and speak against the yellow flag, and there should be an attack on the Knights of Columbus. Don't you see there would be an outcry all over the country? What is just what happened at Seattle, except it was the red flag and not the yellow flag which was attacked?"

"I can see the time coming, soon, though, when our people, who are still very young even if some do wear gray beards, will emancipate themselves from the flag fetish—and that holds good for all flags. The time is coming when they will discuss ideas and problems and work for their solution."

THE "ONE BIG CONFUSION" CONSIDERED

BY JOSEPH E. COHEN.

"Stop unionism," "one big union," "abolition," "direct action" as means of emancipation from capitalism, to say nothing of the less refined weapons of theft, violence and crime,

filled in Little Falls and Akron, where is the advantage to the workers?

It is about time to get down to earth and realize there is no short cut to the industrial republic, and that a theory does not stay a starving boy.

This may seem crass materialism, but we maintain that the real struggle is not that which can be comprehended by persons of sense, and that a boast does not help the workers. You can't bluff a dollar, and capitalism is the personification of dollars. They rule society today, and the workers give the tools to the capitalists.

Such is obviously the situation. A burr is all right; it calls attention. Then the real work begins. The real work is not to pum over socialist parties or I. W. W. or other theories, but to get the best possible settlement for the workers. In organizing can be done in other circumstances. Any organization may sound sordid. The food problem is a sordid thing, and the strikers go out to get more food.

So it is only fair to ask how I. W. W. promises, boasts and brags size up with results. It is easy to answer. The only capitalist map is still all black, and you can go to any battlefield and find out what the results have been.

That may be bookkeeping also. But is it pressing stronger and stronger. From this situation about the only inadmissible conclusion that can be drawn is that the workers know more than their leaders.

A strike is a worker's problem. It is they who are going to settle it. But aside from their economic problems they have others which go hand in hand with them. Beyond their immediate, pressing shop problems there are the other great ones, the social problems.

Policies enter here. Under any form of society there will be underlings, even if they do not like it. Now, under capitalism, the government is used and used for the benefit of capitalists. Re-organizing as we do all the complications, all the difficulties and all the obstacles of the economic battle, we Socialists see also what is beneath these difficulties and what is beyond them.—New York Call.

LURING LABORERS TO BRAZIL

A commissioner from the Brazilian government is now visiting the cities of the United States under the auspices of the Pan-American Union and being entertained by the various chambers of commerce, for the purpose of "boozing" the advantages of Brazil. The Pan-American Union has just published for the Brazilian government a very elaborate volume showing the praises of that nation.

"Similar efforts are being made throughout Europe to entice workingmen to the South American country.

The other side of the picture is presented in a letter to the Leipziger Volkszeitung from Rosendo dos Santos, secretary of the central body of the Brazilian trades unions. In this he warns the workers of all countries to stay away from Brazil, saying that even in the most famine stricken nations things could not be worse.

From many portions of Brazil, particularly the northern states, he says, the inhabitants are already fleeing as from a pestilence. In these states workers receive as little as sufficient of the poorest food to maintain life. They are kept in practical slavery to the greatest landowners through a set of exceptional laws that followed the nominal abolition of slavery.

All attempts at organization have been crushed out with the most inhuman barbarity, and all efforts at altering the oppressive legislation have failed. He calls upon the organized workers to make an international protest against these conditions keeping here?

Would it be just to demand an accounting from the I. W. W.

Here is so much money poured into the strikes. What have you done with it?

Here are so many promises made. How have they been carried out?

Here are so many bouts of superior tactics. Where are the gods?

Lawrence, a victory has not been lifted from the world of capitalism, and through lack of employment there the suffering is quite as intense as it was in the bitterest days of the strike.

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Here is so much money poured into the strikes. What have you done with it?</